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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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BMP-10 COMPOSITIONS

10 The present invention relates to a novel family of purified proteins designated BMP-10, DNA encoding them, and processes for obtaining them. These proteins may be used to induce bone and/or cartilage formation and in wound healing and tissue repair. These proteins may also be used for augmenting the activity of other bone morphogenetic proteins.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The search for the molecule or molecules responsible for the bone and cartilage-inductive activity present in bone and other tissue extracts has led to the discovery of a novel set of molecules called the Bone Morphogenetic Proteins (BMPs). The structures of several proteins, designated BMP-1 through BMP-9, have previously been elucidated. The unique inductive activities of these proteins, along with their presence in bone, suggests that they are important regulators of bone repair processes, and may be involved in the normal maintenance of bone tissue. There is a need to identify whether additional proteins exist which play a role in these processes. The present invention relates to the identification of such a protein, which the inventors have designated BMP-10.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Bovine BMP-10

The bovine BMP-10 DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) and amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) are set forth in the Sequence Listings. BMP-10 proteins are capable of inducing the formation of cartilage, bone or combinations thereof. BMP-10 proteins may be further characterized by the ability to demonstrate cartilage and/or bone formation activity in the rat bone formation assay described below.

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Bovine BMP-10 may be produced by culturing a cell transformed with a DNA sequence comprising nucleotide a DNA sequence encoding the mature BMP-10 polypeptide, comprising nucleotide #779 to nucleotide #1102 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, and recovering and purifying from the culture medium a protein characterized by the amino acid sequence comprising amino acids #1 to #108 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 substantially free from other

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proteinaceous materials with which it is co-produced. For production in mammalian cells, the DNA sequence further comprises a DNA sequence encoding a suitable propeptide 5' to and linked in frame to the nucleotide sequence encoding the mature BMP-10 polypeptide. The propeptide may be the native BMP-10 propeptide, or may be a propeptide from another protein of the TGF- β superfamily.

Human BMP-10 is expected to be homologous to bovine BMP-10. The invention, therefore, includes methods for obtaining the DNA sequences encoding human BMP-10, the DNA sequences obtained by those methods, and the human protein encoded by those DNA sequences. This method entails utilizing the bovine BMP-10 nucleotide sequence or portions thereof to design probes to screen libraries for the human gene or coding sequences or fragments thereof using standard techniques. A DNA sequence encoding part of the human BMP-10 protein (SEQ ID NO:3) and the corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4) are set forth herein. These sequences may also be used in order to design probes to obtain the complete human BMP-10 gene or coding sequences through standard techniques. Human BMP-10 may be produced by culturing a cell transformed with the BMP-10 DNA sequence and recovering and purifying BMP-10 from the culture medium. The purified expressed protein is substantially free from other proteinaceous materials with which it is co-produced, as well as from other contaminants. The recovered purified protein is contemplated to exhibit cartilage and/or bone formation activity. The proteins of the invention may be further characterized by the ability to demonstrate cartilage and/or bone formation activity in the rat bone formation assay described below.

Another aspect of the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions containing a therapeutically effective amount of a BMP-10 protein in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or carrier. BMP-10 compositions of the invention may be used in the formation of cartilage. These compositions may further be utilized for the formation of bone. BMP-10 compositions may also be used for wound healing and tissue repair. Compositions

of the invention may further include at least one other therapeutically useful agent such as the BMP proteins BMP-1, BMP-2, BMP-3, BMP-4, BMP-5, BMP-6 and BMP-7, disclosed for instance in United States Patents 5,108,922; 5,013,649; 5,116,738; 5,106,748; 5,187,076; and 5,141,905; BMP-8, disclosed in PCT publication WO91/18098; and BMP-9, disclosed in PCT publication WO93/00432.

The compositions of the invention may comprise, in addition to a BMP-10 protein, other therapeutically useful agents including growth factors such as epidermal growth factor (EGF), fibroblast growth factor (FGF), transforming growth factor (TGF- α and TGF- β), and insulin-like growth factor (IGF). The compositions may also include an appropriate matrix for instance, for supporting the composition and providing a surface for bone and/or cartilage growth. The matrix may provide slow release of the osteoinductive protein and/or the appropriate environment for presentation thereof.

The BMP-10 compositions may be employed in methods for treating a number of bone and/or cartilage defects, periodontal disease and various types of wounds. These methods, according to the invention, entail administering to a patient needing such bone and/or cartilage formation wound healing or tissue repair, an effective amount of a BMP-10 protein. These methods may also entail the administration of a protein of the invention in conjunction with at least one of the novel BMP proteins disclosed in the co-owned applications described above. In addition, these methods may also include the administration of a BMP-10 protein with other growth factors including EGF, FGF, TGF- α , TGF- β , and IGF.

Still a further aspect of the invention are DNA sequences coding for expression of a BMP-10 protein. Such sequences include the sequence of nucleotides in a 5' to 3' direction illustrated in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10, DNA sequences which, but for the degeneracy of the genetic code, are identical to the DNA sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10, and encode the protein of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 11. Further included in the present invention are DNA sequences which hybridize under

stringent conditions with the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10 and encode a protein having the ability to induce the formation of cartilage and/or bone. Preferred DNA sequences include those which hybridize under stringent conditions [see, 5 T. Maniatis et al, Molecular Cloning (A Laboratory Manual), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1982), pages 387 to 389]. Finally, allelic or other variations of the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10, whether such nucleotide changes result in changes in the peptide sequence or not, but where the peptide sequence 10 still has BMP-10 activity, are also included in the present invention.

A further aspect of the invention includes vectors comprising a DNA sequence as described above in operative association with an expression control sequence therefor. These 15 vectors may be employed in a novel process for producing a BMP-10 protein of the invention in which a cell line transformed with a DNA sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein in operative association with an expression control sequence therefor, is cultured in a suitable culture medium and a BMP-10 protein is 20 recovered and purified therefrom. This process may employ a number of known cells both prokaryotic and eukaryotic as host cells for expression of the polypeptide.

The vectors may be used in gene therapy applications. In such use, the vectors may be transfected into the cells of a 25 patient in vitro, and the cells may be reintroduced into a patient. Alternatively, the vectors may be introduced into a patient in vivo through targeted transfection.

Description of the Sequences

SEQ ID NO:1 is the nucleotide sequence encoding part of the 30 bovine BMP-10, derived from clone λ 7r-20.

SEQ ID NO:2 is the amino acid sequence containing the mature bovine BMP-10 polypeptide.

SEQ ID NO:3 is a partial nucleotide sequence of human BMP- 10.

35 SEQ ID NO:4 is a partial amino acid sequence for human BMP-10 polypeptide.

SEQ ID NO:5 and 6 are primers to bovine BMP-10 used to

isolate the human BMP-10 or other BMP-10 proteins.

SEQ ID NO:7 is a DNA sequence that is inserted into pMT2 CXM to add an XhoI recognition site near the SV40 origin of replication.

5 SEQ ID NO:8 is a DNA sequence inserted into pMT21 to insert an XhoI recognition site upstream from the DHFR gene.

SEQ ID NO:9 is a DNA sequence comprising a portion of the EMC virus leader sequence.

10 SEQ ID NO: 10 is a DNA sequence encoding the complete human BMP-10 protein, including the complete propeptide at nucleotides # 160 to # 1107, and the mature polypeptide at nucleotides # 1108 to # 1431, derived from the cDNA clone HFL-3 and the genomic clone 20GEN.3.

15 SEQ ID NO: 11 is the amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO:10.

Detailed Description of the Invention

BMP-10

20 The bovine BMP-10 nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) and encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) are set forth in the Sequence listings herein. The coding sequence of the mature bovine BMP-10 protein begins at nucleotide #779 and continues through nucleotide #1102. Purified bovine BMP-10 proteins of the present invention are produced by culturing a host cell transformed with a DNA sequence comprising the DNA coding sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 from nucleotide #167 to #1102, or from nucleotide #779 to #1102, and recovering and purifying from the culture medium a protein which contains the amino acid sequence or a substantially homologous sequence as represented by amino acids #-204 to #108 or # 1 to # 108 of SEQ ID NO: 2. A host cell may be transformed with a coding sequence encoding a propeptide suitable for the secretion of proteins by the host cell is linked in proper reading frame to the coding sequence for the mature BMP-10 protein. For example, see United States Patent 5,168,150, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference, in which a DNA encoding a precursor portion of a mammalian protein other than BMP-2 is fused to the DNA encoding a mature BMP-2 protein. Thus, the present invention includes

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chimeric DNA molecules comprising a DNA sequence encoding a propeptide from a member of the TGF- β superfamily of proteins, other than BMP-10, is linked in correct reading frame to a DNA sequence encoding a BMP-10 polypeptide. The term "chimeric" is used to signify that the propeptide originates from a different polypeptide than the BMP-10.

The human BMP-10 sequence of the present invention is obtained using the whole or fragments of the bovine BMP-10 DNA sequence, or the partial human BMP-10 sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, as a probe. Thus, the human BMP-10 DNA sequence comprise the DNA sequence of nucleotides #30 to #167 of SEQ ID NO: 3. This partial sequence of the human BMP-10 DNA sequence corresponds well to nucleotides #899 to #1036 of the bovine BMP-10 DNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1. The human BMP-10 protein comprises the sequence of amino acids #1- #46 of SEQ ID NO: 4.

It is expected that BMP-10, as expressed by mammalian cells such as CHO cells, exists as a heterogeneous population of active species of BMP-10 protein with varying N-termini. It is expected that active species will comprise an amino acid sequence beginning with the cysteine residue at amino acid #7 of SEQ ID NO:1, or will comprise additional amino acid sequence further in the N-terminal direction. Thus, it is expected that DNA sequences encoding active BMP-10 proteins will comprise a nucleotide sequence comprising nucleotides #779 or #797 to #1102 of SEQ ID NO:1 or nucleotides # 1108 or # 1126 to # 1431 of SEQ ID NO:10.

The N-terminus of human BMP-10 has been experimentally determined by expression in E. coli to be as follows: [M]NAKGNVXKRTPLYIDFKEI, wherein X designates an amino acid residue with no clear signal, which is consistent with a cysteine residue at that location. Thus, it appears that the N-terminus of this species of BMP-10 is at amino acid #1 of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:10, and a DNA sequence encoding said species of BMP-10 would comprise nucleotides #779 to 1102 of SEQ ID NO:1 or #1108 to 1431 of SEQ ID NO:10. The apparent molecular weight of human Activin WC monomer was determined by SDS-PAGE to be approximately 10-12 kd on a Novex 16% tricine gel. Molecular

weight of monomer by electrospray ionization mass spectrometry is 12292.5 on a Finnigan TSQ 7000. The human BMP-10 protein exists as a clear, colorless solution in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.

5 The BMP-10 proteins recovered from the culture medium are purified by isolating them from other proteinaceous materials from which they are co-produced and from other contaminants present. BMP-10 proteins may be characterized by the ability to induce the formation of cartilage and/or bone, for example, in
10 the rat bone formation assay described below.

 The BMP-10 proteins provided herein also include factors encoded by the sequences similar to those of SEQ ID NO: 1, but into which modifications are naturally provided (e.g. allelic variations in the nucleotide sequence which may result in amino
15 acid changes in the polypeptide) or deliberately engineered. For example, synthetic polypeptides may wholly or partially duplicate continuous sequences of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2. These sequences, by virtue of sharing primary,
20 secondary, or tertiary structural and conformational characteristics with bone growth factor polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 2 may possess bone growth factor biological properties in common therewith. Thus, they may be employed as biologically active substitutes for naturally-occurring BMP-10 and other BMP-10 polypeptides in therapeutic processes.

25 Other specific mutations of the sequences of BMP-10 proteins described herein involve modifications of glycosylation sites. These modifications may involve O-linked or N-linked glycosylation sites. For instance, the absence of glycosylation or only partial glycosylation results from amino acid
30 substitution or deletion at asparagine-linked glycosylation recognition sites. The asparagine-linked glycosylation recognition sites comprise tripeptide sequences which are specifically recognized by appropriate cellular glycosylation enzymes. These tripeptide sequences are either asparagine-X-threonine or asparagine-X-serine, where X is usually any amino
35 acid. A variety of amino acid substitutions or deletions at one or both of the first or third amino acid positions of a

glycosylation recognition site (and/or amino acid deletion at the second position) results in non-glycosylation at the modified tripeptide sequence. Additionally, bacterial expression of BMP-10 protein will also result in production of a non-glycosylated protein, even if the glycosylation sites are left unmodified.

The present invention also encompasses the novel DNA sequences, free of association with DNA sequences encoding other proteinaceous materials, and coding for expression of BMP-10 proteins. These DNA sequences include those depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1 in a 5' to 3' direction and those sequences which hybridize thereto under stringent hybridization conditions [for example, 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C; see, T. Maniatis et al, Molecular Cloning (A Laboratory Manual), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1982), pages 387 to 389] and encode a protein having cartilage and/or bone inducing activity. These DNA sequences also include those which comprise the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 and those which hybridize thereto under stringent hybridization conditions and encode a protein having cartilage and/or bone inducing activity.

Similarly, DNA sequences which code for BMP-10 proteins coded for by the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1, or BMP-10 proteins which comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, but which differ in codon sequence due to the degeneracies of the genetic code or allelic variations (naturally-occurring base changes in the species population which may or may not result in an amino acid change) also encode the novel factors described herein. Variations in the DNA sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1) or SEQ ID NO: 3 which are caused by point mutations or by induced modifications (including insertion, deletion, and substitution) to enhance the activity, half-life or production of the polypeptides encoded are also encompassed in the invention.

Another aspect of the present invention provides a novel method for producing BMP-10 proteins. The method of the present invention involves culturing a suitable cell line, which has been transformed with a DNA sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein of the invention, under the control of known regulatory

sequences. The transformed host cells are cultured and the BMP-10 proteins recovered and purified from the culture medium. The purified proteins are substantially free from other proteins with which they are co-produced as well as from other contaminants.

Suitable cells or cell lines may be mammalian cells, such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO). The selection of suitable mammalian host cells and methods for transformation, culture, amplification, screening, product production and purification are known in the art. See, e.g., Gething and Sambrook, Nature, 293:620-625 (1981), or alternatively, Kaufman et al, Mol. Cell. Biol., 5(7):1750-1759 (1985) or Howley et al, U.S. Patent 4,419,446. Another suitable mammalian cell line, which is described in the accompanying examples, is the monkey COS-1 cell line. The mammalian cell CV-1 may also be suitable.

Bacterial cells may also be suitable hosts. For example, the various strains of E. coli (e.g., HB101, MC1061) are well-known as host cells in the field of biotechnology. Various strains of B. subtilis, Pseudomonas, other bacilli and the like may also be employed in this method. For expression of the protein in bacterial cells, DNA encoding the propeptide of BMP-10 may not be necessary.

Many strains of yeast cells known to those skilled in the art may also be available as host cells for expression of the polypeptides of the present invention. Additionally, where desired, insect cells may be utilized as host cells in the method of the present invention. See, e.g. Miller et al, Genetic Engineering, 8:277-298 (Plenum Press 1986) and references cited therein.

Another aspect of the present invention provides vectors for use in the method of expression of these novel BMP-10 polypeptides. Preferably the vectors contain the full novel DNA sequences described above which encode the novel factors of the invention. Additionally, the vectors contain appropriate expression control sequences permitting expression of the BMP-10 protein sequences. Alternatively, vectors incorporating modified sequences as described above are also embodiments of

the present invention. Additionally, the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or other sequences encoding BMP-10 proteins could be manipulated to express a mature BMP-10 protein by deleting BMP-10 encoding propeptide sequences and replacing them with sequences encoding the complete propeptides of other BMP proteins or members of the TGF- β superfamily. Thus, the present invention includes chimeric DNA molecules encoding a propeptide from a member of the TGF- β superfamily linked in correct reading frame to a DNA sequence encoding a BMP-10 polypeptide.

The vectors may be employed in the method of transforming cell lines and contain selected ~~regulatory~~ sequences in operative association with the DNA coding ~~sequences~~ of the invention which are capable of directing the replication and expression thereof in selected host cells. Regulatory sequences for such vectors are known to those skilled in the art and may be selected depending upon the host cells. Such selection is routine and does not form part of the present invention.

A protein of the present invention, which induces cartilage and/or bone formation in circumstances where bone is not normally formed, has application in the ~~healing of~~ bone fractures and cartilage defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a BMP-10 protein may have prophylactic use in closed as well as open fracture reduction and also in the improved fixation of artificial joints. De novo bone formation induced by an osteogenic agent contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or oncologic resection induced craniofacial defects, and also is useful in cosmetic plastic surgery. A BMP-10 protein may be used in the treatment of periodontal disease, and in other tooth repair processes. Such agents may provide an environment to ~~attract bone-forming~~ cells, stimulate growth of bone-forming cells or induce differentiation of progenitors of bone-forming cells. BMP-10 polypeptides of the invention may ~~also~~ be useful in the treatment of osteoporosis. A ~~variety of~~ osteogenic, cartilage-inducing and bone inducing ~~factors~~ have been described. See, e.g., European patent applications 148,155 and 169,016 for discussions thereof.

The proteins of the invention may also be used in wound healing and related tissue repair. The types of wounds include, but are not limited to burns, incisions and ulcers. (See, e.g. PCT Publication WO84/01106 for discussion of wound healing and related tissue repair).

A further aspect of the invention is a therapeutic method and composition for repairing fractures and other conditions related to cartilage and/or bone defects or periodontal diseases. The invention further comprises therapeutic methods and compositions for wound healing and tissue repair. Such compositions comprise a therapeutically effective amount of at least one of the BMP-10 proteins of the invention in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, carrier or matrix.

It is expected that the proteins of the invention may act in concert with or perhaps synergistically with other related proteins and growth factors. Further therapeutic methods and compositions of the invention therefore comprise a therapeutic amount of at least one BMP-10 protein of the invention with a therapeutic amount of at least one of the other BMP proteins disclosed in co-owned applications described above. Such combinations may comprise separate molecules of the BMP proteins or heteromolecules comprised of different BMP moieties. For example, a method and composition of the invention may comprise a disulfide linked dimer comprising a BMP-10 protein subunit and a subunit from one of the "BMP" proteins described above. Thus, the present invention includes a purified BMP-10 polypeptide which is a heterodimer wherein one subunit comprises at least the amino acid sequence from amino acid #1 to amino acid #108 of SEQ ID NO:2, and one subunit comprises an amino acid sequence for a bone morphogenetic protein selected from the group consisting of BMP-1, BMP-2, BMP-3, BMP-4, BMP-5, BMP-6, BMP-7, BMP-8 and BMP-9. A further embodiment may comprise a heterodimer of BMP-10 moieties. Further, BMP-10 proteins may be combined with other agents beneficial to the treatment of the bone and/or cartilage defect, wound, or tissue in question. These agents include various growth factors such as epidermal growth factor (EGF), fibroblast growth factor (FGF), platelet

derived growth factor (PDGF), transforming growth factors (TGF- α and TGF- β), and k-fibroblast growth factor (kFGF), parathyroid hormone (PTH), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF/HILDA/DIA), insulin-like growth factors (IGF-I and IGF-II). Portions of
5 these agents may also be used in compositions of the present invention.

The preparation and formulation of such physiologically acceptable protein compositions, having due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability and the like, is within the skill of the
10 art. The therapeutic compositions are also presently valuable for veterinary applications due to the lack of species specificity in BMP proteins. Particularly domestic animals and thoroughbred horses in addition to humans are desired patients for such treatment with the BMP-10 proteins of the present
15 invention.

The therapeutic method includes administering the composition topically, systemically, or locally as an implant or device. When administered, the therapeutic composition for use
20 in this invention is, of course, in a pyrogen-free, physiologically acceptable form. Further, the composition may desirably be encapsulated or injected in a viscous form for delivery to the site of bone, cartilage or tissue damage. Topical administration may be suitable for wound healing and tissue repair. Therapeutically useful agents other than the
25 BMP-10 proteins which may also optionally be included in the composition as described above, may alternatively or additionally, be administered simultaneously or sequentially with the BMP composition in the methods of the invention.

Preferably for bone and/or cartilage formation, the
30 composition includes a matrix capable of delivering BMP-10 or other BMP proteins to the site of bone and/or cartilage damage, providing a structure for the developing bone and cartilage and optimally capable of being resorbed into the body. The matrix may provide slow release of BMP-10 and/or other bone inductive
35 protein, as well as proper presentation and appropriate environment for cellular infiltration. Such matrices may be formed of materials presently in use for other implanted medical

applications.

The choice of matrix material is based on biocompatibility, biodegradability, mechanical properties, cosmetic appearance and interface properties. The particular application of the BMP-10 compositions will define the appropriate formulation. Potential matrices for the compositions may be biodegradable and chemically defined calcium sulfate, tricalciumphosphate, hydroxyapatite, polylactic acid and polyanhydrides. Other potential materials are biodegradable and biologically well defined, such as bone or dermal collagen. Further matrices are comprised of pure proteins or extracellular matrix components. Other potential matrices are nonbiodegradable and chemically defined, such as sintered hydroxyapatite, bioglass, aluminates, or other ceramics. Matrices may be comprised of combinations of any of the above mentioned types of material, such as polylactic acid and hydroxyapatite or collagen and tricalciumphosphate. The bioceramics may be altered in composition, such as in calcium-aluminate-phosphate and processing to alter pore size, particle size, particle shape, and biodegradability.

The dosage regimen will be determined by the attending physician considering various factors which modify the action of the BMP-10 protein, e.g. amount of bone weight desired to be formed, the site of bone damage, the condition of the damaged bone, the size of a wound, type of damaged tissue, the patient's age, sex, and diet, the severity of any infection, time of administration and other clinical factors. The dosage may vary with the type of matrix used in the reconstitution and the types of BMP proteins in the composition. The addition of other known growth factors, such as IGF I (insulin like growth factor I), to the final composition, may also effect the dosage.

Progress can be monitored by periodic assessment of bone growth and/or repair. The progress can be monitored, for example, x-rays, histomorphometric determinations and tetracycline labeling.

The following examples illustrate practice of the present invention in recovering and characterizing bovine BMP-10 protein

and employing it to recover the human and other BMP-10 proteins, obtaining the human proteins and expressing the proteins via recombinant techniques.

EXAMPLE 1

5 Bovine BMP-10

800,000 recombinants of a bovine genomic library constructed in the vector λ EMBL3 are plated at a density of 8000 recombinant bacteriophage plaques per plate on 100 plates. Duplicate nitrocellulose replicas of the recombinant bacteriophage plaques are made from these plates and amplified. 10 A fragment of human BMP-7 DNA corresponding to nucleotides #1081 to #1403 (Figure 4, United States Patent 5,141,905) is 32 P-labelled by the random priming procedure of Feinberg et al. [Anal. Biochem. 132: 6-13 (1983)] and hybridized to one set of 15 filters in standard hybridization buffer (5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5X Denhardt's, 100 μ g/ml salmon sperm DNA) (SHB) at 60°C for 2 to 3 days. The filters are washed under reduced stringency conditions (4X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 60°C). Multiple positively hybridizing recombinants are noted. 52 positively hybridizing recombinant bacteriophage plaques are selected and replated for 20 secondaries. Duplicate nitrocellulose replicas of the recombinant plaques are made from these 52 secondary plates and amplified.

One set of nitrocellulose filters is hybridized to the 25 human BMP-7 DNA probe as described above and washed under the same reduced stringency conditions. The other set of filters is hybridized to a mixed BMP-5, BMP-6, and BMP-7 probe in SHB at 65°C overnight and washed with a 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C (stringent hybridization and wash conditions). The mixed probe 30 consists of relatively equal amounts of 32 P-labelled DNA fragments comprising nucleotides #1452 to #2060 (Figure 4, United States Patent 5,106,748) of the human BMP-5 sequence, nucleotides #1395 to #1698 (Figure 4, United States Patent 5,187,076) of the human BMP-6 sequence, and nucleotides #1081 to 35 #1403 (Figure 4, United States Patent 5,141,905) of the human BMP-7 sequence. The BMP-5, BMP-6 and BMP-7 DNA fragments are 32 P-labelled by the random priming procedure and equal numbers of

counts per minute (cpms) of each probe are combined and added to the SHB containing the other set of nitrocellulose filter replicas of the 52 secondary plates.

Fourteen recombinants, which hybridized positively to the human BMP-7 probe under the reduced stringency conditions and exhibited weak or no hybridization to the mixed BMP-5/6/7 probe under high stringency conditions, are selected for further analysis. All 14 recombinants which exhibit these hybridization characteristics are plaque purified and bacteriophage DNA is prepared from each. The positively hybridizing region of one of the recombinants, designated λ 7r-20, is localized to a 0.5 kb EcoRI/HindIII restriction fragment. This fragment is subcloned into a plasmid vector (pGEM-3) and DNA sequence analysis is performed. The partial DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) and derived amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) of clone λ 7r-20 are shown in the Sequence Listings.

The bacteriophage λ 7r-20 has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD, 20852, on April 23, 1993 and has been given the accession number ATCC 75452. This deposit meets the requirements of the Budapest Treaty of the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purpose of Patent Procedures and regulations thereunder.

This λ 7r-20 clone encodes at least a portion of the bovine BMP-10 protein of the present invention. The nucleotide sequence of clone λ 7r-20 contains an open reading frame of at least 938 bp, as defined by nucleotides #165 to #1102 of SEQ ID NO:1 (#165-166 being the last two thirds of a codon which is interrupted by an intron). The open reading frame encodes at least 312 amino acids of a BMP-10 protein. The encoded 312 amino acid BMP-10 protein includes the full mature bovine BMP-10 protein (amino acid #1 to #108 of SEQ ID NO:2), as well as the C-terminal portion of the propeptide region of the primary translation product (amino acid #-204 to #-1 of SEQ ID NO:2). A consensus splice acceptor sequence immediately preceding the BMP-10 coding sequence at #165 to #1102, and an in frame stop codon at position #101 to #103, suggests the presence of intron

sequences in the 5' direction of nucleotide #165.

Based upon the knowledge of other BMP proteins and other proteins within the TGF- β family, it is predicted that the precursor polypeptide would be cleaved at the multibasic sequence ARG-ILE-ARG-ARG in agreement with a proposed consensus proteolytic processing sequence of ARG-X-X-ARG. Cleavage of the BMP-10 precursor polypeptide is expected to generate a 108 amino acid mature peptide beginning with the amino acid ASN at position #1. The processing of BMP-10 into the mature form is expected to involve dimerization and removal of the N-terminal region in a manner analogous to the processing of the related protein TGF- β [Gentry et al., Molec. & Cell. Biol., 8:4162 (1988); Derynck et al., Nature, 316:701(1985)].

It is contemplated therefore that the mature active species of BMP-10 comprises a homodimer of two polypeptide subunits, each subunit comprising amino acids #1 to #108 with a predicted molecular weight of approximately 12,000 daltons. Further active species are contemplated comprising amino acids #7 to #108, thereby including the first conserved cysteine residue. As with other members of the BMP and TGF- β family of proteins, the carboxy-terminal region of the BMP-10 protein exhibits greater sequence conservation than the more amino-terminal portion. The percent amino acid identity of the bovine BMP-10 protein in the cysteine-rich C-terminal domain (amino acids #7 to #108) to the corresponding region of other human BMP proteins and other proteins within the TGF- β family is as follows: BMP-2, 56%; BMP-3, 39%; BMP-4, 54%; BMP-5, 48%, BMP-6, 48%; BMP-7, 47%; BMP-8, 46%; BMP-9, 67%; Vg1, 50%; GDF-1, 40%; TGF- β 1, 37%; TGF- β 2, 37%; TGF- β 3, 37%; inhibin β (B), 36%; inhibin β (A), 39%.

EXAMPLE 2

Human BMP-10

Bovine and human osteoinductive factor genes are presumed to be significantly homologous, therefore the bovine coding sequence or a portion thereof is used as a probe to screen a human genomic library or as a probe to identify a human cell line or tissue which synthesizes the analogous human cartilage and/or bone protein. A human genomic library, such as

Stratagene catalog #944201, may be screened with such a probe, and presumptive positives isolated and DNA sequence obtained. Evidence that this recombinant encodes a portion of the human BMP-10 relies on the bovine/human protein and gene structure homologies.

Once a recombinant bacteriophage containing DNA encoding a portion of the human cartilage and/or bone inductive factor molecule is obtained, the human coding sequence can be used as a probe to identify a human cell line or tissue which synthesizes BMP-10 mRNA. Alternatively, the bovine BMP-10 coding sequence can be used as a probe to identify such human cell line or tissue. Briefly described, RNA is extracted from a selected cell or tissue source and either electrophoresed on a formaldehyde agarose gel and transferred to nitrocellulose, or reacted with formaldehyde and spotted on nitrocellulose directly. The nitrocellulose is then hybridized to a probe derived from a coding sequence of the bovine or human BMP-10. Alternatively, the bovine BMP-10 coding sequence is used to design oligonucleotide primers which will specifically amplify a portion of the BMP-10 encoding sequence located in the region located between the primers utilized to perform the specific amplification reaction. It is contemplated that bovine and human BMP-10 sequences would allow one to specifically amplify corresponding human BMP-10 encoding sequences from mRNA, cDNA or genomic DNA templates. Once a positive source has been identified by one of the above described methods, mRNA is selected by oligo (dT) cellulose chromatography and cDNA is synthesized and cloned in λ gt10 or other λ bacteriophage vectors known to those skilled in the art, for example, λ ZAP by established techniques (Toole et al., supra). It is also possible to perform the oligonucleotide primer directed amplification reaction, described above, directly on a pre-established human cDNA or genomic library which has been cloned into a λ bacteriophage vector. In such cases, a library which yields a specifically amplified DNA product encoding a portion of human BMP-10 protein could be screened directly, utilizing the fragment of amplified BMP-10 encoding DNA as a probe.

Oligonucleotide primers designed on the basis of the DNA sequence of the bovine BMP10 genomic clone λ 7r-20 are predicted to allow the specific amplification of human BMP-10 encoding sequences. The following oligonucleotide-primer is designed on the basis of nucleotides #876 to #898 of the DNA sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO. 1 and synthesized on an automated DNA synthesizer.

Primer A: TGCTCTAGACCTATGAATGTCGTGGTGTTTGC

The first nine nucleotides of primer A (underlined) comprise the recognition sequence for the restriction endonuclease XbaI which can be utilized to facilitate the manipulation of a specifically amplified DNA sequence encoding the BMP-10 protein of the invention and are thus not derived from the DNA sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 1.

The following oligonucleotide primer is designed on the basis of nucleotides #1060 to #1037 of the DNA sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO. 1 and synthesized on an automated DNA synthesizer:

Primer B: TAGGGATCCCTTGTAGGTGACGACGCCCTTATC

The first nine nucleotides of primer B (underlined) comprise the recognition sequence for the restriction endonuclease BamHI which can be utilized to facilitate the manipulation of a specifically amplified DNA sequence encoding the BMP-10 protein of the invention and are thus not derived from the DNA sequence present in SEQ ID NO: 1.

The standard nucleotide symbols in the above identified primers are as follows: A, adenosine; C, cytosine; G, guanine; and T, thymine.

Primers A and B identified above are utilized as primers to allow the amplification of a specific nucleotide from human genomic DNA. the amplification reaction is performed as follows:

Human genomic DNA (source: peripheral blood lymphocytes) is denatured at 100°C for five minutes and then chilled on ice prior to addition to a reaction mixture containing 200 μ M each deoxynucleotide triphosphates (dATP, dGTP, dCTP and dTTP) 10 mM Tris-HCl pH8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.001% gelatin, 1.25

units Taq DNA polymerase, 100 pM oligonucleotide primer A and 100 pM oligonucleotide primer B. This reaction mixture is then subjected to thermal cycling in the following manner: 3 minutes at 94°C, 1 minute at 50°C, 1 minute at 72°C for one cycle, then
5 1 minute at 94°C, 1 minute at 50°C, 1 minute at 72°C for thirty-nine cycles.

The DNA which is specifically amplified by this reaction is separated from the excess oligonucleotide primers A and B utilized to initiate the amplification by the use of a DNA
10 purification resin based protocol under the conditions suggested by the manufacturer. The resulting DNA product is digested with the restriction endonucleases XbaI and BamHI, phenol extracted, chloroform extracted. Buffer exchange and removal of small fragments of DNA resulting from the XbaI/BamHI restriction digest
15 is accomplished by dilution of the digested DNA product in 10 mM Tris-HCl pH8.0, 1 mM EDTA followed by centrifugation through a centricon™ 30 microconcentrator (W.R. Grace & Co., Beverly, Ma.; Product #4209). The resulting XbaI/BamHI digested amplified DNA product is subcloned into a plasmid vector (pBluescript) between
20 the XbaI and BamHI restriction sites of the polylinker region. DNA sequence analysis of the resulting subclones indicates that the specifically amplified DNA sequence product encodes a portion of the human BMP-10 protein of this invention. The DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO. 3) and derived amino acid sequence (SEQ ID
25 NO. 4) of this specifically amplified DNA fragment are set forth in the Sequence Listings.

Nucleotides #1 to #29 of this sequence comprise a portion of oligonucleotide primer A and nucleotides #168 to #197
30 comprise a portion of oligonucleotide primer B utilized to perform the specific amplification reaction. Due to the function of oligonucleotide primers A and B (designed on the basis of bovine BMP-10 DNA sequence) in initiating the amplification reaction, they may not correspond exactly to the actual sequence encoding a human BMP-10 and are therefore not
35 translated in the above amino acid sequence derivation. The DNA sequence, from nucleotide #30 to #167 of SEQ ID NO: 3, or portions thereof, specifically amplified from the human genomic

DNA template can be utilized as a probe to identify additional human BMP-10 encoding sequences from human genomic or human cDNA libraries by standard hybridization/screening techniques known to those skilled in the art.

5 Full-length Human BMP-10

 The full-length human BMP-10 DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:10) and encoded amino acids sequence (SEQ ID NO:11) are described in the Sequence Listings.

10 One million recombinants of a human fetal liver cDNA library (Clonetech catalog # HL 1064a) constructed in the vector λ gt10 are plated at a density of 20,000 recombinant bacteriophage plaques per plate on 50 plates. Duplicate nitrocellulose replicas of the recombinant bacteriophage plaques are made from these plates. An oligonucleotide probe designed on the basis of
15 nucleotides #85-#114 of SEQ ID NO:3 is synthesized on an automated DNA synthesizer. This oligonucleotide probe is radioactively labelled with $\gamma^{32}\text{P}$ -ATP and is hybridized to both sets of the duplicate nitrocellulose replicas in SHB at 65°C. Eleven positively hybridizing recombinants are noted. One of
20 the positively hybridizing recombinants, named HFL-3, is plaque purified. Bacteriophage plate stocks of the purified HFL-3 cDNA clone are prepared and bacteriophage DNA is isolated. A bacteriophage stock of this cDNA clone has been deposited with the ATCC, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland USA under
25 the requirements of the Budapest Treaty and designated as ATCC # _____. A portion of the DNA sequence of clone HFL-3 is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 10.

 One million recombinants of a human genomic library (Stratagene Catalog # 944201) constructed in the vector λ FIX are
30 plated at a density of 20,000 recombinant bacteriophage plaques per plate on 50 plates. Duplicate nitrocellulose replicas of the recombinant bacteriophage plaques are made from these plates. An oligonucleotide probe designed on the basis of
35 nucleotides #355-#384 of SEQ ID NO:10 is synthesized on an automated DNA synthesizer. This oligonucleotide probe is radioactively labelled with $\gamma^{32}\text{P}$ -ATP and is hybridized to both sets of the duplicate nitrocellulose replicas in SHB at 65°C.

Six positively hybridizing recombinants are noted. One of the positively hybridizing recombinants, named 20GEN.3, is plaque purified. Bacteriophage plate stocks of the purified 20GEN.3 genomic clone are prepared and bacteriophage DNA is isolated.

5 A bacteriophage stock of this genomic clone has been deposited with the ATCC, 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland USA under the requirements of the Budapest Treaty and designated as ATCC # _____. A portion of the DNA sequence of clone 20GEN.3 is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 10. A portion of the DNA sequence of

10 the genomic clone 20GEN.3 was determined to be identical to a portion of the DNA sequence of the cDNA clone HFL-3. The extent of this overlap (nucleotides #219-#316) of SEQ ID NO:10 were used as a basis to compile the complete coding sequence of the BMP-10 protein. This sequence is presented in SEQ ID NO:10 and

15 it should be noted that nucleotides #1-#218 are derived entirely from the DNA sequence contained in genomic clone 20GEN.3 and nucleotides #317-#1584 are derived entirely from the DNA sequence contained in cDNA clone HFL-3, while nucleotides #219-#316 have been determined to be present in both 20GEN.3 and HFL-

20 3. SEQ ID NO:10 predicts a human BMP10 precursor protein of 424 amino acids. Based on the knowledge of other BMPs and other proteins within the TGF- β family, it is predicted that the precursor polypeptide would be cleaved at the multibasic sequence ARG-ILE-ARG-ARG (amino acids #-4 through #-1 of SEQ ID

25 NO:11) in agreement with the proposed consensus proteolytic processing sequence ARG-X-X-ARG. Cleavage of the human BMP-10 precursor polypeptide at this location would generate a 108 amino acid mature peptide beginning with the amino acid ASN at position #1 of SEQ ID NO:11. The processing of human BMP-10

30 into the mature form is expected to involve dimerization and removal of the N-terminal region in a manner analogous to the processing of the related protein TGF- β [L.E. Gentry, et al. Molec. & Cell. Biol. 8:4162 (1988); R.Derynck, et al., Nature 316:701 (1985). It is contemplated that the mature active

35 species of human BMP-10 comprises a homodimer of two polypeptide subunits, each subunit comprising amino acids #1-#108 of SEQ ID NO:11, with a predicted molecular weight of 12,000 daltons.

Further active species are contemplated comprising amino acids #7-#108 thereby including the first conserved cysteine residue. Heterodimeric molecules comprising one subunit of BMP-10 and another subunit of another member of the BMP/TGF- β superfamily are also contemplated.

Additional methods known to those skilled in the art may be used to isolate other species' BMP-10 proteins of the invention.

EXAMPLE 3

W-20 BIOASSAYS

10 A. Description of W-20 cells

Use of the W-20 bone marrow stromal cells as an indicator cell line is based upon the conversion of these cells to osteoblast-like cells after treatment with a BMP protein [Thies et al, Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, 5:305 (1990); and Thies et al, Endocrinology, 130:1318 (1992)]. Specifically, W-20 cells are a clonal bone marrow stromal cell line derived from adult mice by researchers in the laboratory of Dr. D. Nathan, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA. Treatment of W-20 cells with certain BMP proteins results in (1) increased—alkaline phosphatase production, (2) induction of PTH stimulated cAMP, and (3) induction of osteocalcin synthesis by the cells. While (1) and (2) represent characteristics associated with the osteoblast phenotype, the ability to synthesize osteocalcin is a phenotypic property only displayed by mature osteoblasts. Furthermore, to date we have observed conversion of W-20 stromal cells to osteoblast-like cells only upon treatment with BMPs. In this manner, the in vitro activities displayed by BMP treated W-20 cells correlate with the in vivo bone forming activity known for BMPs.

30 Below two in vitro assays useful in comparison of BMP activities of novel osteoinductive molecules are described.

B. W-20 Alkaline Phosphatase Assay Protocol

W-20 cells are plated into 96 well tissue culture plates at a density of 10,000 cells per well in 200 μ l of media (DME with 10% heat inactivated fetal calf serum, 2 mM glutamine and 100 Units/ml penicillin + 100 μ g/ml streptomycin. The cells are allowed to attach overnight in a 95% air, 5% CO₂ incubator at

37°C.

5 The 200 μ l of media is removed from each well with a multichannel pipettor and replaced with an equal volume of test sample delivered in DME with 10% heat inactivated fetal calf serum, 2 mM glutamine and 1% penicillin-streptomycin. Test substances are assayed in triplicate.

10 The test samples and standards are allowed a 24 hour incubation period with the W-20 indicator cells. After the 24 hours, plates are removed from the 37°C incubator and the test media are removed from the cells.

 The W-20 cell layers are washed 3 times with 200 μ l per well of calcium/magnesium free phosphate buffered saline and these washes are discarded.

15 50 μ l of glass distilled water is added to each well and the assay plates are then placed on a dry ice/ethanol bath for quick freezing. Once frozen, the assay plates are removed from the dry ice/ethanol bath and thawed at 37°C. This step is repeated 2 more times for a total of 3 freeze-thaw procedures. Once complete, the membrane bound alkaline phosphatase is
20 available for measurement.

 50 μ l of assay mix (50 mM glycine, 0.05% Triton X-100, 4 mM $MgCl_2$, 5 mM p-nitrophenol phosphate, pH = 10.3) is added to each assay well and the assay plates are then incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C in a shaking waterbath at 60 oscillations per
25 minute.

 At the end of the 30 minute incubation, the reaction is stopped by adding 100 μ l of 0.2 N NaOH to each well and placing the assay plates on ice.

30 The spectrophotometric absorbance for each well is read at a wavelength of 405 nanometers. These values are then compared to known standards to give an estimate of the alkaline phosphatase activity in each sample. For example, using known amounts of p-nitrophenol phosphate, absorbance values are generated. This is shown in Table I.

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Table I

| Absorbance Values for Known Standards of P-Nitrophenol Phosphate | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <u>P-nitrophenol phosphate umoles</u> | <u>Mean absorbance (405 nm)</u> |
| 0.000 | 0 |
| 0.006 | 0.261 +/- .024 |
| 0.012 | 0.521 +/- .031 |
| 0.018 | 0.797 +/- .063 |
| 0.024 | 1.074 +/- .061 |
| 0.030 | 1.305 +/- .083 |

5 Absorbance values for known amounts of BMPs can be determined and converted to μ moles of p-nitrophenol phosphate cleaved per unit time as shown in Table II.

Table II

| Alkaline Phosphatase Values for W-20 Cells Treating with BMP-2 | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <u>BMP-2 concentration ng/ml</u> | <u>Absorbance Reading 405 nmeters</u> | <u>umoles substrate per hour</u> |
| 0 | 0.645 | 0.024 |
| 1.56 | 0.696 | 0.026 |
| 3.12 | 0.765 | 0.029 |
| 6.25 | 0.923 | 0.036 |
| 12.50 | 1.121 | 0.044 |
| 25.0 | 1.457 | 0.058 |
| 50.0 | 1.662 | 0.067 |
| 100.0 | 1.977 | 0.080 |

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These values are then used to compare the activities of known amounts of BMP-10 to BMP-2.

C. Osteocalcin RIA Protocol

W-20 cells are plated at 10^6 cells per well in 24 well

multiwell tissue culture dishes in 2 mls of DME containing 10% heat inactivated fetal calf serum, 2 mM glutamine. The cells are allowed to attach overnight in an atmosphere of 95% air 5% CO₂ at 37°C.

5 The next day the medium is changed to DME containing 10% fetal calf serum, 2 mM glutamine and the test substance in a total volume of 2 ml. Each test substance is administered to triplicate wells. The test substances are incubated with the W-20 cells for a total of 96 hours with replacement at 48 hours by
10 the same test medias.

 At the end of 96 hours, 50 µl of the test media is removed from each well and assayed for osteocalcin production using a radioimmunoassay for mouse osteocalcin. The details of the assay are described in the kit manufactured by Biomedical
15 Technologies Inc., 378 Page Street, Stoughton, MA 02072. Reagents for the assay are found as product numbers BT-431 (mouse osteocalcin standard), BT-432 (Goat anti-mouse Osteocalcin), BT-431R (iodinated mouse osteocalcin), BT-415 (normal goat serum) and BT-414 (donkey anti goat IgG). The RIA
20 for osteocalcin synthesized by W-20 cells in response to BMP treatment is carried out as described in the protocol provided by the manufacturer.

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 The values obtained for the test samples are compared to
35 values for known standards of mouse osteocalcin and to the amount of osteocalcin produced by W-20 cells in response to challenge with known amounts of BMP-2. The values for BMP-2

induced osteocalcin synthesis by W-20 cells is shown in Table III.

Table III

| Osteocalcin Synthesis by W-20 Cells | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>BMP-2 Concentration ng/ml</u> | <u>Osteocalcin Synthesis ng/well</u> |
| 0 | 0.8 |
| 2 | 0.9 |
| 4 | 0.8 |
| 8 | 2.2 |
| 16 | 2.7 |
| 31 | 3.2 |
| 62 | 5.1 |
| 125 | 6.5 |
| 250 | 8.2 |
| 500 | 9.4 |
| 1000 | 10.0 |

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EXAMPLE 4**ROSEN MODIFIED SAMPATH-REDDI ASSAY**

A modified version of the rat bone formation assay described in Sampath and Reddi, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 80:6591-6595 (1983) is used to evaluate bone and/or cartilage activity of BMP proteins. This modified assay is herein called the Rosen-modified Sampath-Reddi assay. The ethanol precipitation step of the Sampath-Reddi procedure is replaced by dialyzing (if the composition is a solution) or diafiltering (if the composition is a suspension) the fraction to be assayed against water. The solution or suspension is then equilibrated to 0.1% TFA. The resulting solution is added to 20 mg of rat matrix. A mock rat matrix sample not treated with the protein serves as a control. This material is frozen and lyophilized and the resulting powder enclosed in #5 gelatin capsules. The capsules are implanted subcutaneously in the abdominal thoracic area of 21-49 day old male Long Evans rats. The implants are removed after 7-14 days. Half of each implant is used for alkaline phosphatase analysis [see, Reddi et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 69:1601 (1972)].

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The other half of each implant is fixed and processed for histological analysis. 1 μ m glycolmethacrylate sections are stained with Von Kossa and acid fuchsin to score the amount of induced bone and cartilage formation present in each implant. The terms +1 through +5 represent the area of each histological section of an implant occupied by new bone and/or cartilage cells and matrix. A score of +5 indicates that greater than 50% of the implant is new bone and/or cartilage produced as a direct result of protein in the implant. A score of +4, +3, +2, and +1 would indicate that greater than 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% respectively of the implant contains new cartilage and/or bone.

The BMP-10 proteins of this invention may be assessed for activity on this assay.

EXAMPLE 5

Expression of BMP-10

In order to produce bovine, human or other mammalian BMP-10 proteins, the DNA encoding it is transferred into an appropriate expression vector and introduced into mammalian cells or other preferred eukaryotic or prokaryotic hosts by conventional genetic engineering techniques. The preferred expression system for biologically active recombinant human BMP-10 is contemplated to be stably transformed mammalian cells.

One skilled in the art can construct mammalian expression vectors by employing the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10, or other DNA sequences encoding BMP-10 proteins or other modified sequences and known vectors, such as pCD [Okayama et al., Mol. Cell Biol., 2:161-170 (1982)], pJL3, pJL4 [Gough et al., EMBO J., 4:645-653 (1985)] and pMT2 CXM.

The mammalian expression vector pMT2 CXM is a derivative of p91023(b) (Wong et al., Science 228:810-815, 1985) differing from the latter in that it contains the ampicillin resistance gene in place of the tetracycline resistance gene and further contains a XhoI site for insertion of cDNA clones. The functional elements of pMT2 CXM have been described (Kaufman, R.J., 1985, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:689-693) and include the adenovirus VA genes, the SV40 origin of replication

including the 72 bp enhancer, the adenovirus major late promoter including a 5' splice site and the majority of the adenovirus tripartite leader sequence present on adenovirus late mRNAs, a 3' splice acceptor site, a DHFR insert, the SV40 early polyadenylation site (SV40), and pBR322 sequences needed for propagation in E. coli.

Plasmid pMT2 CXM is obtained by EcoRI digestion of pMT2-VWF, which has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Rockville, MD (USA) under accession number ATCC 67122. EcoRI digestion excises the cDNA insert present in pMT2-VWF, yielding pMT2 in linear form which can be ligated and used to transform E. coli HB 101 or DH-5 to ampicillin resistance. Plasmid pMT2 DNA can be prepared by conventional methods. pMT2 CXM is then constructed using loopout/in mutagenesis [Morinaga, et al., Biotechnology 84: 636 (1984). This removes bases 1075 to 1145 relative to the Hind III site near the SV40 origin of replication and enhancer sequences of pMT2. In addition it inserts the following sequence:

5' PO-CATGGGCAGCTCGAG-3'

at nucleotide 1145. This sequence contains the recognition site for the restriction endonuclease Xho I. A derivative of pMT2CXM, termed pMT23, contains recognition sites for the restriction endonucleases PstI, Eco RI, SalI and XhoI. Plasmid pMT2 CXM and pMT23 DNA may be prepared by conventional methods.

pEMC2 β 1 derived from pMT21 may also be suitable in practice of the invention. pMT21 is derived from pMT2 which is derived from pMT2-VWF. As described above EcoRI digestion excises the cDNA insert present in pMT-VWF, yielding pMT2 in linear form which can be ligated and used to transform E. Coli HB 101 or DH-5 to ampicillin resistance. Plasmid pMT2 DNA can be prepared by conventional methods.

pMT21 is derived from pMT2 through the following two modifications. First, 76 bp of the 5' untranslated region of the DHFR cDNA including a stretch of 19 G residues from G/C tailing for cDNA cloning is deleted. In this process, a XhoI site is inserted to obtain the following sequence immediately upstream from DHFR: 5' -CTGCAGGCGAGCCTGAATTCCTCGAGCCATCATG-3'

PstI

Eco RI XhoI

Second, a unique ClaI site is introduced by digestion with EcoRV and XbaI, treatment with Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I, and ligation to a ClaI linker (CATCGATG). This deletes a 250 bp segment from the adenovirus associated RNA (VAI) region but does not interfere with VAI RNA gene expression or function. pMT21 is digested with EcoRI and XhoI, and used to derive the vector pEMC2B1.

A portion of the EMCV leader is obtained from pMT2-ECAT1 [S.K. Jung, et al, J. Virol 63:1651-1660 (1989)] by digestion with Eco RI and PstI, resulting in a 2752 bp fragment. This fragment is digested with TaqI yielding an Eco RI-TaqI fragment of 508 bp which is purified by electrophoresis on low melting agarose gel. A 68 bp adapter and its complementary strand are synthesized with a 5' TaqI protruding end and a 3' XhoI protruding end which has the following sequence:

5'-CGAGGTTAAAAACGTCTAGGCCCGAACCACGGGGACGTGGTTCCTTT
TaqI
GAAAAACACGATTGC-3'
XhoI

This sequence matches the EMC virus leader sequence from nucleotide 763 to 827. It also changes the ATG at position 10 within the EMC virus leader to an ATT and is followed by a XhoI site. A three way ligation of the pMT21 Eco RI-XhoI fragment, the EMC virus EcoRI-TaqI fragment, and the 68 bp oligonucleotide adapter TaqI-XhoI adapter resulting in the vector pEMC2B1.

This vector contains the SV40 origin of replication and enhancer, the adenovirus major late promoter, a cDNA copy of the majority of the adenovirus tripartite leader sequence, a small hybrid intervening sequence, an SV40 polyadenylation signal and the adenovirus VA I gene, DHFR and β -lactamase markers and an EMC sequence, in appropriate relationships to direct the high level expression of the desired cDNA in mammalian cells.

The construction of vectors may involve modification of the

5 BMP-10 DNA sequences. For instance, BMP-10 cDNA can be modified by removing the non-coding nucleotides on the 5' and 3' ends of the coding region. The deleted non-coding nucleotides may or may not be replaced by other sequences known to be beneficial for expression. These vectors are transformed into appropriate host cells for expression of BMP-10 proteins. Additionally, the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO: 10 or other sequences encoding BMP-10 proteins can be manipulated to express a mature BMP-10 protein by deleting BMP-10 encoding propeptide sequences and replacing them with sequences encoding the complete propeptides of other BMP proteins.

10 One skilled in the art can manipulate the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 10 by eliminating or replacing the mammalian regulatory sequences flanking the coding sequence with bacterial sequences to create bacterial vectors for intracellular or extracellular expression by bacterial cells. For example, the coding sequences could be further manipulated (e.g. ligated to other known linkers or modified by deleting non-coding sequences therefrom or altering nucleotides therein by other known techniques). The modified BMP-10 coding sequence could then be inserted into a known bacterial vector using procedures such as described in T. Taniguchi et al., Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA, 77:5230-5233 (1980). This exemplary bacterial vector could then be transformed into bacterial host cells and a BMP-10 protein expressed thereby. For a strategy for producing extracellular expression of BMP-10 proteins in bacterial cells, see, e.g. European patent application EPA 177,343.

25 Similar manipulations can be performed for the construction of an insect vector [See, e.g. procedures described in published European patent application 155,476] for expression in insect cells. A yeast vector could also be constructed employing yeast regulatory sequences for intracellular or extracellular expression of the factors of the present invention by yeast cells. [See, e.g., procedures described in published PCT application WO86/00639 and European patent application EPA 123,289].

A method for producing high levels of a BMP-10 protein of the invention in mammalian cells may involve the construction of cells containing multiple copies of the heterologous BMP-10 gene. The heterologous gene is linked to an amplifiable marker, e.g. the dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene for which cells containing increased gene copies can be selected for propagation in increasing concentrations of methotrexate (MTX) according to the procedures of Kaufman and Sharp, J. Mol. Biol., 159:601-629 (1982). This approach can be employed with a number of different cell types.

For example, a plasmid containing a DNA sequence for a BMP-10 of the invention in operative association with other plasmid sequences enabling expression thereof and the DHFR expression plasmid pAdA26SV(A)3 [Kaufman and Sharp, Mol. Cell. Biol., 2:1304 (1982)] can be co-introduced into DHFR-deficient CHO cells, DUKX-BII, by various methods including calcium phosphate coprecipitation and transfection, electroporation or protoplast fusion. DHFR expressing transformants are selected for growth in alpha media with dialyzed fetal calf serum, and subsequently selected for amplification by growth in increasing concentrations of MTX (e.g. sequential steps in 0.02, 0.2, 1.0 and 5uM MTX) as described in Kaufman et al., Mol Cell Biol., 5:1750 (1983). Transformants are cloned, and biologically active BMP-10 expression is monitored by the Rosen-modified Sampath-Reddi rat bone formation assay described above in Example 4. BMP-10 expression should increase with increasing levels of MTX resistance. BMP-10 polypeptides are characterized using standard techniques known in the art such as pulse labeling with [35S] methionine or cysteine and polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Similar procedures can be followed to produce other related BMP-10 proteins.

EXAMPLE 6

Biological Activity of Expressed BMP-10

To measure the biological activity of the expressed BMP-10 proteins obtained in Example 5 above, the proteins are recovered from the cell culture and purified by isolating the BMP-10 proteins from other proteinaceous materials with which they are

co-produced as well as from other contaminants. The purified protein may be assayed in accordance with the rat bone formation assay described in Example 4.

5 Purification is carried out using standard techniques known to those skilled in the art.

Protein analysis is conducted using standard techniques such as SDS-PAGE acrylamide [Laemmli, Nature 227:680 (1970)] stained with silver [Oakley, et al. Anal. Biochem. 105:361 (1980)] and by immunoblot [Towbin, et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 76:4350 (1979)]

10 The foregoing descriptions detail presently preferred embodiments of the present invention. Numerous modifications and variations in practice thereof are expected to occur to those skilled in the art upon consideration of these descriptions. Those modifications and variations are believed to be
15 encompassed within the claims appended hereto.

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- (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
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- (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25 (EPO)

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1442 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Bos taurus
- (B) STRAIN: bovine BMP-10

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 167..1105

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: misc_feature
- (B) LOCATION: 165..778
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "partial coding sequence for propeptide"

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: mat_peptide
- (B) LOCATION: 779..1102
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "beginning of mature peptide"

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- (A) NAME/KEY: misc_feature
- (B) LOCATION: 163..164
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "3' end of intron"

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- (A) NAME/KEY: misc_feature
- (B) LOCATION: 165..166

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "the last two-thirds of a codon which is interrupted by an intron"

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| TCTGCTACAT GCTGCAAATC TGATTTCTTT TTTGTTTTTT CCAGAT CTG TTT TCC | 175 |
| Leu Phe Ser | |
| -204 | |
| CAA CCA GCC AGT TTT AAT GGA CTC CGA AAA TAC CCT CTC CTC TTC AAC | 223 |
| Gln Pro Ala Ser Phe Asn Gly Leu Arg Lys Tyr Pro Leu Leu Phe Asn | |
| -200 -195 -190 | |
| GTA TCC ATC CCT CAC CAT GAA GAC ATC ATC ATG GCT GAG CTC AGG TTG | 271 |
| Val Ser Ile Pro His His Glu Asp Ile Ile Met Ala Glu Leu Arg Leu | |
| -185 -180 -175 -170 | |
| TAC ACC CTG GTG CAA AGA GAC CGC CTT ATA TAT GAA GGA GTG GAC CGA | 319 |
| Tyr Thr Leu Val Gln Arg Asp Arg Leu Ile Tyr Glu Gly Val Asp Arg | |
| -165 -160 -155 | |
| AAA ATC ACC ATT TTT GAA GTA CTT GAG AGC AAA GAG GAC CAT GAA GGG | 367 |
| Lys Ile Thr Ile Phe Glu Val Leu Glu Ser Lys Glu Asp His Glu Gly | |
| -150 -145 -140 | |
| GAA AGA AAC ATG CTG GTC TTG GTG TCA GGG GAG ATC TAC GGA ACC AAC | 415 |
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| -135 -130 -125 | |
| AGT GAG TGG GAG ACT TTT GAT GTC ACT GAT GCC ATC AGG CAT TGG CAA | 463 |
| Ser Glu Trp Glu Thr Phe Asp Val Thr Asp Ala Ile Arg His Trp Gln | |
| -120 -115 -110 | |
| AAG TCA GGC TCA TCC ACC CAC CAG CTG GAG GTC CAC ATT GAG AGC AAA | 511 |
| Lys Ser Gly Ser Ser Thr His Gln Leu Glu Val His Ile Glu Ser Lys | |
| -105 -100 -95 -90 | |
| CAC GAA ATG GAG GAC ACA CTT GGC AGG GGA CAG CTG GAA ATA GAC ACT | 559 |
| His Glu Met Glu Asp Thr Leu Gly Arg Gly Gln Leu Glu Ile Asp Thr | |
| -85 -80 -75 | |
| AGT GCC CGG AAT AAG CAC GAT CCT TTG CTT GTC GTG TTT TCT GAT GAC | 607 |
| Ser Ala Arg Asn Lys His Asp Pro Leu Leu Val Val Phe Ser Asp Asp | |
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| CAA AGC AGT GAG AAG GAG CGG AAA GAG GAA CTG GAT GAA ATG ATC GCC | 655 |
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 75 80 85

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 Glu Cys Gly Cys Arg
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:

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- (A) LENGTH: 312 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

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 -185 -180 -175

Leu Arg Leu Tyr Thr Leu Val Gln Arg Asp Arg Leu Ile Tyr Glu Gly
 -170 -165 -160

Val Asp Arg Lys Ile Thr Ile Phe Glu Val Leu Glu Ser Lys Glu Asp
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His Glu Gly Glu Arg Asn Met Leu Val Leu Val Ser Gly Glu Ile Tyr
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Gly Thr Asn Ser Glu Trp Glu Thr Phe Asp Val Thr Asp Ala Ile Arg

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Met Ile Ala His Glu Gln Phe Pro Glu Met Asp Asn Leu Asp Leu Asp
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His Ala Ile Ile Gln Ala Leu Val His Leu Lys Asn Ser Gln Lys Ala
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Ser Lys Ala Cys Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Leu Glu Pro Ile Ser Ile Leu
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 197 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens
- (B) STRAIN: Human BMP-10

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 30..167

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

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 1 5

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 Thr Pro Thr Lys His Ala Ile Ile Gln Ala Leu Val His Leu Lys Asn
 10 15 20

TCC CAG AAA GCT TCC AAA GCC TGC TGT GTG CCC ACA AAG CTA GAG CCC 149
 Ser Gln Lys Ala Ser Lys Ala Cys Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Leu Glu Pro
 25 30 35 40

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 45

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 46 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

Asn Tyr Pro Leu Ala Glu His Leu Thr Pro Thr Lys His Ala Ile Ile
 1 5 10 15

Gln Ala Leu Val His Leu Lys Asn Ser Gln Lys Ala Ser Lys Ala Cys
 20 25 30

Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Leu Glu Pro Ile Ser Ile Leu Tyr Leu
 35 40 45

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: primer A to bovine BMP-10

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

TGCTCTAGAC CTATGAATGT CGTGGTGTTT GC 32

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: primer B to BMP-10

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

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33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 15 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: DNA inserted into pMT2 CXM

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 34 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: DNA inserted into pMT21

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: misc feature

(B) LOCATION: 1..6

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "PstI restriction site"

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: misc feature

(B) LOCATION: 15..26

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "Eco RI and XhoI restriction sites"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 8:

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34

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 68 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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| CTC TTT GGT GAT GTT TTC TCA GAG CAA GAC GGT GTC GAC TTT AAC ACA Leu Phe Gly Asp Val Phe Ser Glu Gln Asp Gly Val Asp Phe Asn Thr -275 -270 -265 | 318 |
| CTG CTC CAG AGC ATG AAG GAT GAG TTT CTT AAG ACA CTA AAC CTC TCT Leu Leu Gln Ser Met Lys Asp Glu Phe Leu Lys Thr Leu Asn Leu Ser -260 -255 -250 | 366 |
| GAC ATC CCC ACG CAG GAT TCA GCC AAG GTG GAC CCA CCA GAG TAC ATG Asp Ile Pro Thr Gln Asp Ser Ala Lys Val Asp Pro Pro Glu Tyr Met -245 -240 -235 | 414 |
| TTG GAA CTC TAC AAC AAA TTT GCA ACA GAT CGG ACC TCC ATG CCC TCT Leu Glu Leu Tyr Asn Lys Phe Ala Thr Asp Arg Thr Ser Met Pro Ser -230 -225 -220 | 462 |
| GCC AAC ATC ATT AGG AGT TTC AAG AAT GAA GAT CTG TTT TCC CAG CCG Ala Asn Ile Ile Arg Ser Phe Lys Asn Glu Asp Leu Phe Ser Gln Pro -215 -210 -205 -200 | 510 |
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| AGT GAC AAG GAG AGG AAG GAG GAA CTG AAT GAA ATG ATT TCC CAT GAG Ser Asp Lys Glu Arg Lys Glu Glu Leu Asn Glu Met Ile Ser His Glu -55 -50 -45 -40 | 990 |
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| CCT GGG GAA GAG GCT TTG TTG CAG ATG AGA TCA AAC ATC ATC TAT GAC Pro Gly Glu Glu Ala Leu Leu Gln Met Arg Ser Asn Ile Ile Tyr Asp | 1086 |

| -20 | -15 | -10 | |
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| TCC ACT GCC CGA ATC AGA AGG AAC GCC AAA GGA AAC TAC TGT AAG AGG | | | 1134 |
| Ser Thr Ala Arg Ile Arg Arg Asn Ala Lys Gly Asn Tyr Cys Lys Arg | | | |
| -5 | 1 | 5 | |
| ACC CCG CTC TAC ATC GAC TTC AAG GAG ATT GGG TGG GAC TCC TGG ATC | | | 1182 |
| Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ile Asp Phe Lys Glu Ile Gly Trp Asp Ser Trp Ile | | | |
| 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| ATC GCT CCG CCT GGA TAC GAA GCC TAT GAA TGC CGT GGT GTT TGT AAC | | | 1230 |
| Ile Ala Pro Pro Gly Tyr Glu Ala Tyr Glu Cys Arg Gly Val Cys Asn | | | |
| 30 | 35 | 40 | |
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| Tyr Pro Leu Ala Glu His Leu Thr Pro Thr Lys His Ala Ile Ile Gln | | | |
| 45 | 50 | 55 | |
| GCC TTG GTC CAC CTC AAG AAT TCC CAG AAA GCT TCC AAA GCC TGC TGT | | | 1326 |
| Ala Leu Val His Leu Lys Asn Ser Gln Lys Ala Ser Lys Ala Cys Cys | | | |
| 60 | 65 | 70 | |
| GTG CCC ACA AAG CTA GAG CCC ATC TCC ATC CTC TAT TTA GAC AAA GGC | | | 1374 |
| Val Pro Thr Lys Leu Glu Pro Ile Ser Ile Leu Tyr Leu Asp Lys Gly | | | |
| 75 | 80 | 85 | |
| GTC GTC ACC TAC AAG TTT AAA TAC GAA GGC ATG GCC GTC TCC GAA TGT | | | 1422 |
| Val Val Thr Tyr Lys Phe Lys Tyr Glu Gly Met Ala Val Ser Glu Cys | | | |
| 90 | 95 | 100 | 105 |
| GGC TGT AGA TAGAAGAAGA GTCCTATGGC TTATTTAATA ACTGTAAATG | | | 1471 |
| Gly Cys Arg | | | |
| TGTATATTTG GTGTTCCCTAT TTAATGAGAT TATTTAATAA GGGTGTACAG TAATAGAGGC | | | 1531 |
| TTGCTGCCTT CAGGAAATGG ACAGGTCAGT TTGTTGTAGG AAATGCATAT TTT | | | 1584 |

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 424 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

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| -280 | -270 |
| Val Asp Phe Asn Thr Leu Leu Gln Ser Met Lys Asp Glu Phe Leu Lys | |
| -265 | -255 |
| Thr Leu Asn Leu Ser Asp Ile Pro Thr Gln Asp Ser Ala Lys Val Asp | |
| -250 | -240 |

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 -140 -135 -130 -125
 Gly Thr Asn Ser Glu Trp Glu Thr Phe Asp Val Thr Asp Ala Ile Arg
 -120 -115 -110
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 -105 -100 -95
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 Tyr Leu Asp Lys Gly Val Val Thr Tyr Lys Phe Lys Tyr Glu Gly Met
 85 90 95 100
 Ala Val Ser Glu Cys Gly Cys Arg
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What is claimed is:

1. An isolated DNA sequence encoding BMP-10 protein.
2. The DNA sequence of claim 1 wherein said DNA sequence is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) nucleotides #779 or #797 to #1102 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - (b) nucleotides #1108 or #1126 to #1431 of SEQ ID NO: 10;and (c) sequences which hybridize to (a) or (b) under stringent hybridization conditions and encode a protein which exhibits the ability to form cartilage and/or bone.
3. The DNA sequence of claim 1 wherein said DNA sequence is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) nucleotides encoding for amino acids # 1 to #108 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
 - (b) nucleotides encoding for amino acids #1 to #108 of SEQ ID NO:11; and
 - (c) sequences which hybridize to (a) or (b) under stringent hybridization conditions and encode a protein which exhibits the ability to form cartilage and/or bone.
4. A host cell transformed with the DNA sequence of claim 1.
5. A host cell transformed with the DNA sequence of claim 2.
6. A host cell transformed with the DNA sequence of claim 3.
7. An isolated DNA molecule having a sequence encoding a protein which is characterized by the ability to induce the formation of cartilage and/or bone, said DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) nucleotide # 779 to # 1105 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - (b) nucleotide # 1108 to # 1431 of SEQ ID NO: 10; and
 - (c) naturally occurring allelic sequences and equivalent degenerative codon sequences of (a) or (b).
8. A host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim 7.
9. A vector comprising a DNA molecule of claim 7 in operative association with an expression control sequence

therefor.

10. A host cell transformed with the vector of claim 9.

11. An isolated DNA molecule encoding a BMP-10 protein, said DNA molecule comprising nucleotide # 160 to # 1431 of SEQ ID NO: 10.

12. An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA coding sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein, said DNA molecule comprising nucleotides # 1108 to # 1431 of SEQ ID NO:10, and further comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a suitable propeptide 5' to and linked in frame to the DNA coding sequence.

13. A vector comprising a DNA molecule of claim 11 in operative association with an expression control sequence therefor.

14. A host cell transformed with the vector of claim 12.

15. A method for producing a purified BMP-10 protein said method comprising the steps of:

(a) culturing a host cell transformed with a DNA sequence according to claim 2, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein; and

(b) recovering and purifying said BMP-10 protein from the culture medium.

16. A method for producing a purified BMP-10 protein said method comprising the steps of:

(a) culturing a host cell transformed with a DNA sequence according to claim 3, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein; and

(b) recovering and purifying said BMP-10 protein from the culture medium.

17. A method for producing a purified BMP-10 protein said method comprising the steps of:

(a) culturing a host cell transformed with a DNA sequence according to claim 7, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a BMP-10 protein; and

(b) recovering and purifying said BMP-10 protein from the culture medium.

18. A purified BMP-10 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence from amino acid #1 to amino acid #108 as set forth

in SEQ ID NO:11.

19. A purified BMP-10 polypeptide of claim 18 wherein said polypeptide is a dimer wherein each subunit comprises at least the amino acid sequence from amino acid #1 to amino acid #108 of SEQ ID NO:11.

20. A purified BMP-10 polypeptide of claim 18, wherein said polypeptide is a dimer wherein one subunit comprises at least the amino acid sequence from amino acid #1 to amino acid #108 of SEQ ID NO:11, and one subunit comprises an amino acid sequence for a bone morphogenetic protein selected from the group consisting BMP-1, BMP-2, BMP-3, BMP-4, BMP-5, BMP-6, BMP-7, BMP-8 and BMP-9.

21. A purified BMP-10 protein produced by the steps of

(a) culturing a cell transformed with a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence from nucleotide #1108 to #1431 as shown in SEQ ID NO:10; and

(b) recovering and purifying from said culture medium a protein comprising the amino acid sequence from amino acid #1 to amino acid #108 as shown in SEQ ID NO:11.

22. The purified BMP-10 protein of claim 21, wherein the cell is a mammalian cell, and the DNA additionally comprises nucleotides #160 to #1107 of SEQ ID NO:10.

23. A purified BMP-10 protein characterized by the ability to induce the formation of cartilage and/or bone.

24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the BMP-10 protein of claim 23 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

25. A composition of claim 24 further comprising a matrix for supporting said composition and providing a surface for bone and/or cartilage growth.

26. The composition of claim 25 wherein said matrix comprises a material selected from the group consisting of hydroxyapatite, collagen, polylactic acid and tricalcium phosphate.

27. A method for inducing bone and/or cartilage formation in a patient in need of same comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of the composition of claim 25.

28. A chimeric DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a propeptide from a member of the TGF- β superfamily of proteins linked in correct reading frame to a DNA sequence encoding a BMP-10 polypeptide.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Remark: Although claim 27 is directed to a method of treatment of
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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